

We, on the other hand, are averse to doing anything because we are afraid of the economic ramifications of businesses coming to us and saying, "I need cheap labor and I don't care if they are coming here legally or illegally." And there is that libertarian flow through the body that says we should just simply open the borders. So we have all of those converging pressures here that stops us from doing anything about this tragedy.

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It is a tragedy in the Coronado. It is a tragedy also for the United States. Any country that cannot define its own borders and cannot actually protect and defend them is not a nation. Any country that says we recognize that there is massive violation of our laws, of our immigration laws, but we choose not to do anything about it, does not deserve to be called a country, and one wonders for how long it can be called a country.

Interestingly, this issue of elimination of borders and sort of a world economic system, or at least in this case a North and South American economic and political system that converges, this is not something that is a hidden agenda. There used to be people that I know, and the Speaker knows of many people, who would confront us at various meetings, town meetings and the like, with this world economic order, a new world order, and it is all very conspiratorial; and they feel that it is all in the hands of certain people who have economic interests. Well, this is not conspiratorial. This is out in the open. It is absolutely clear for anyone to see and hear.

For instance, not too long ago, less than a week ago, I think, the President of Mexico, Vincente Fox, was speaking in Spain, and he said that all of his efforts, all of the government's efforts to try and liberalize immigration policy, were really devoted to one goal. This was incredibly insightful, hearing what he had to say. This is the President of Mexico, and he has said something similar on many occasions, but he said just the other day that his goal is to end up with a system that allows for the free flow of goods, of services, and he stopped for a minute, and he said of people, not inhibited by borders. He has said in the past that he believes in a relatively short time there will be no borders between the United States and Mexico.

The gentleman who is the head of an agency of the Mexican Government that is called the Ministry for Mexicans Living Outside of Mexico said earlier, told me personally in Mexico, that there were, when I was questioning him about the use of his term of "migration," and I said it is really immigration, and when they cross the border illegally it is called illegal immigration, and this is Mr. Juan Hernandez, who is, by the way, both a Mexican and an American citizen, he said to me, "Congressman, it is not two countries; it is just a region."

This, I suggest, Mr. Speaker, is the end goal of this game we are playing. It is debatable as to whether it is good or bad. I think it is bad. At least it deserves a debate, a national debate. Should we eliminate our borders, or not? That is where we are going. I want it to happen in a de jure way as opposed to a de facto way. Actually, I do not want it to happen at all, but, if it does, it has to be through a legal process and not one where we just several years from now look around and say, how did this happen to us? We lost our sovereignty as a Nation. I do not want to say I was responsible or had no part to play in that process.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVANS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of travel delays at O'Hare Airport.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of mechanical airline problems.

Mr. MENENDEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of the New Jersey primary election.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and until 12:00 noon on June 5 on account of a death in the family.

Mr. GRAVES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of travel delays.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and June 5 on account of family business.

Mrs. ROUKEMA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ORTIZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 5.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, June 5.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, June 6.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1983. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York, as the "John A. 'Jack' Shea Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Relations.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on May 29, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 3167. To endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4592. To name the chapel located in the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel".

H.R. 4608. To name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center".

H.R. 4782. To extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until June 14, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7124. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report required by the Grain Standards and Warehouse Improvement Act of 2000, Public Law 106-472; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7125. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0052; FRL-7178-6] received May 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7126. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of the intention to reallocate funds previously transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF); (H. Doc. No. 107-220); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7127. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request for an FY 2003 budget amendment for the Department of Defense; (H. Doc. No. 107-